



Reorganization of Congress

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The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the most comprehensive congressional reform in history, modernized Congress and expanded its administrative capabilities. The Democratic leadership in Congress, represented by Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley and House Speaker Sam Rayburn, hoped that congressional reform would be politically popular. John Q. Public's reply, however, suggested that many voters had a different opinion. In the November elections, the Democrats lost control of both the House and the Senate.

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